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11. (S) MFA delivered the following non-paper to us on June 129. Per reftel, this language was to be given to Malta on June 28 via Singapore's mission to the United Nations in New York. Also per reftel, Singapore has agreed to the U.S. raising this issue in follow-up discussions with Malta on the Proliferation Security Initiative.

12. (S) Begin text of non-paper:

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In April 2007, Singapore authorities off-loaded 20 containers from a Maltese flagged vessel, the M/V Gant Star, on suspicion that they contained sodium perchlorate monohydrate bound for an entity listed in the Annex of UNSC Resolution 1747. The vessel, which entered the port of Singapore in order to seek medical attention for a crew member who had taken ill, was traveling from Dalian in China and headed to Bandar Abbas in Iran. The contents of the off-loaded containers were inspected and confirmed to be sodium perchlorate monohydrate.

End text of non-paper.

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